

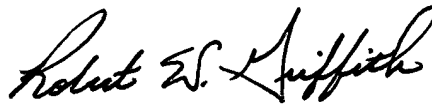
REMARKS

The present application was filed on October 17, 2000 with claims 1-29. Claims 1-31 remain pending. Claims 30 and 31 have been added through this Supplemental Amendment and claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 20, 21, 30 and 31 are the pending independent claims.

Supplemental to the amendment and response submitted on February 24, 2005, claims 30 and 31 have been added in an effort provide an indication of allowable subject matter and to expedite the application through to issuance.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-31 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Griffith", written in a cursive style.

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